

1. A cutting guide for guiding a saw along a cut line during a cutting operation of a workpiece, the cutting guide comprising:
 - a clamp;
 - a saw guide pivotally coupled relative to said clamp and adapted
- 5 to be juxtaposed to a surface of the workpiece;
 - a guiding edge on the saw guide adapted to provide bearing support to a portion of the saw and thereby guide the saw along the cut line during the cutting operation of the workpiece; and
 - a cutting template coupled to said clamp and adapted to be
- 10 juxtaposed to the surface of the workpiece, said cutting template being cuttable by the saw along the cut line to produce a template cutting edge on a first template portion of the cutting template and a second discard portion of the cutting template.

2. The cutting guide of claim 1 wherein said clamp comprises a first and second clamping member, said clamping members adapted to secure the workpiece therebetween.
3. The cutting guide of claim 2 wherein said clamp further comprises a lock bar, said first clamping member being fixedly secured to said lock bar, said second clamping member being slidably coupled to said lock bar.
4. The cutting guide of claim 3 wherein said second clamping member includes a handle moveable between a first and second position, said second clamping member being secured to said lock bar when said handle is in the first position, said second clamping member being moveable along said
5 lock bar when said handle is in the second position.
5. The cutting guide of claim 1 wherein at least one of said first and second clamping members includes a clamp adaptor coupled thereto and configured to securely engage a non-planar workpiece.
6. The cutting guide of claim 1 wherein said saw guide is pivotally moveable between a plurality of positions, said guiding edge of said saw guide being spaced from and generally parallel to the template cutting edge when the saw guide is in one of said positions.
7. The cutting guide of claim 1 wherein said saw guide is pivotally mounted to said clamp.

8. The cutting guide of claim 1 wherein said saw guide includes a detent, said cutting template includes a plurality of recesses, the position of said saw guide relative to said clamp being releasably secured when said detent engages one of said recesses.

9. The cutting guide of claim 1 wherein said cutting template further comprises degree indicia adapted to indicate an angle of the saw guide relative to the workpiece.

10. The cutting guide of claim 1 wherein said first clamping member is coupled to said cutting template by a tongue and groove connection.

11. The cutting guide of claim 1 wherein said cutting template is selectively and releasably coupled to said clamp, the cutting guide further comprising a plurality of cutting templates each of which has a different template cutting edge and associated first template portion configuration.

12. A cutting guide for guiding a saw along a cut line during a cutting operation of a workpiece, the cutting guide comprising:
- a clamp;
 - a saw guide coupled relative to said clamp and adapted to be
- 5 juxtaposed to a surface of the workpiece;
- a guiding edge on the saw guide adapted to provide bearing support to a portion of the saw and thereby guide the saw along the cut line during the cutting operation of the workpiece; and
 - a cutting template coupled to said clamp and adapted to be
- 10 juxtaposed to the surface of the workpiece, said cutting template having a template cutting edge spaced apart and generally parallel to the guiding edge.

13. The cutting guide of claim 13 wherein said clamp comprises a first and second clamping member, said clamping members adapted to secure the workpiece therebetween.
14. The cutting guide of claim 14 wherein said clamp further comprises a lock bar, said first clamping member being fixedly secured to said lock bar, said second clamping member being slidably coupled to said lock bar.
15. The cutting guide of claim 15 wherein said second clamping member includes a handle moveable between a first and second position, said second clamping member being secured to said lock bar when said handle is in the first position, said second clamping member being moveable along said
5 lock bar when said handle is in the second position.
16. The cutting guide of claim 13 wherein said saw guide is pivotally moveable between a plurality of positions, said guiding edge of said saw guide being spaced from and generally parallel to the template cutting edge when the saw guide is in one of said positions.

17. The cutting guide of claim 13 wherein said saw guide includes a detent, said cutting template includes a plurality of recesses, the position of said saw guide relative to said clamp being releasably secured when said detent engages one of said recesses.

18. The cutting guide of claim 13 wherein said cutting template further comprises degree indicia adapted to indicate an angle of the saw guide relative to the workpiece.

19. The cutting guide of claim 13 wherein said first clamping member is coupled to said cutting template by a tongue and groove connection.

20. The cutting guide of claim 13 wherein said cutting template is selectively and releasably coupled to said clamp, the cutting guide further comprising a plurality of cutting templates each of which has a different template cutting edge and associated first template portion configuration.

21. A cutting guide for guiding a saw along a cut line during a cutting operation of a workpiece, the cutting guide comprising:

a clamp including a first and second clamping member adapted to secure the workpiece therebetween, said clamp further including a lock bar, said first clamping member being fixedly secured to said lock bar, said second clamping member being slidably coupled to said lock bar, said second clamping member further including a handle moveable between a first and second position, said second clamping member being secured to said lock bar when said handle is in the first position, said second clamping member being moveable along said lock bar when said handle is in the second position;

a saw guide coupled relative to said clamp and adapted to be juxtaposed to a surface of the workpiece, said saw guide being pivotally moveable between a plurality of positions and having a detent extending from said saw guide;

a guiding edge on the saw guide adapted to provide bearing support to a portion of the saw and thereby guide the saw along the cut line during the cutting operation of the workpiece; and

a cutting template coupled to said clamp and adapted to be juxtaposed to the surface of the workpiece, said cutting template having a template cutting edge spaced apart and generally parallel to the guiding edge, said cutting template having a plurality of recesses, the position of said saw guide relative to said clamp being releasably secured when said detent engages one of said recesses, said cutting template further including degree indicia adapted to indicate an angle of said saw guide relative to the workpiece.

22. A cutting template adapted to be used in combination with a cutting guide for guiding a saw along a cut line during a cutting operation of a workpiece, the cutting guide comprising a clamp adapted to secure the cutting guide to the workpiece and a saw guide pivotally coupled to the clamp, the

5 cutting template comprising:

a generally planar member adapted to couple to the clamp and to be juxtaposed to a surface of the workpiece, said cutting template being cuttable by the saw along the cut line to produce a template cutting edge on a first template portion of the cutting template and a second discard portion of the

10 cutting template.

23. The cutting template of claim 23 further comprising a plurality of recesses, said recesses adapted to cooperate with the saw guide to secure the position of the saw guide relative to the clamp.

24. The cutting template of claim 23 further comprising degree indicia adapted to indicate an angle of the saw guide relative to the workpiece.

25. A method of performing a cutting operation along a cut line of a workpiece using a saw, comprising:

aligning a guiding edge of a saw guide relative to the cut line on the workpiece;

5 releasably clamping a cutting guide to the workpiece; and

cutting the workpiece and a cutting template coupled to the cutting guide along the cut line.

26. The method of claim 26 further comprising:
abutting a portion of the saw to the guiding edge of the saw guide;
and
moving the portion of the saw along the guiding edge of the saw
5 guide during the cutting operation.
27. The method of claim 26 further comprising:
measuring the workpiece to identify a position of the saw guide
relative to the cut line on the workpiece;
marking the position of the saw guide on the workpiece;
5 aligning the saw guide with the marked position on the workpiece
prior to the clamping step.
28. The method of claim 26 further comprising:
pivoting the saw guide relative to the clamp to thereby change an
angle the saw guide makes with the workpiece.

29. A method of performing a cutting operation along a cut line of a workpiece using a saw, comprising:

aligning a template cutting edge of a cutting template relative to the cut line on the workpiece;

5 releasably clamping a cutting guide to the workpiece;

abutting a portion of the saw to a guiding edge of a saw guide;

cutting the workpiece along the cut line.

30. The method of claim 30 further comprising:
removing the cutting template from the cutting guide; and
inserting another cutting template into the cutting guide.